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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, National Intelligence Council

VIA : National Intelligence Officer
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FROM :
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SUBJECT : Prognosis on Reliability NIE

1. The first NFIB Representatives' coordination meeting on took place on 15 March 1983, and three meetings are scheduled per week through the end of March. Most of the first day dealt with general discussions of the estimate's utility and organization. Institutional differences were apparent within DDI, DIA, and State, but on the whole, all representatives felt the draft to be a worthwhile effort that needed essentially minor reworking to transform it into a valuable tool for the policymaker. Some of the "minor reworking," however, will entail redrafting of key portions of the estimate on which there are still major differences of opinion, e.g.:

- How scenario-dependent is reliability?
- Does reliability in an internal crisis translate into wartime reliability?
- Does the primary source have knowledge outside the military sphere?
- Are Soviet control measures effective?
- Whose perceptions are we dealing with?
- How should we address vulnerabilities?
- Should we address western initiatives? (S/NF)

2. Agency comments on the NIE are appended as attachments. USMC, NSA, NWS, and Air Force did not have written comments.

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